

SENATE BILL 3531

By Herron

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,
Chapter 7, relative to maternity coverage in health
insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by
adding the following as a new section:

Section 56-7-2368. (a) Any individual, franchise, blanket or group health
insurance policy, medical service plan, contract, hospital service corporation contract,
hospital and medical service corporation contract, fraternal benefit society, or health
maintenance organization which provides coverage for medical and surgical services,
and which is delivered, issued for delivery, amended or renewed on or after January 1,
2009, shall also provide coverage for maternity care.

(b) (1) The provisions of this section do not apply to medicare supplemental
policies. This section shall not apply to policies that provide only hospital indemnity
benefits or to policies that provide only benefits for specified accidents.

(2) The issuer of the specified disease policy has the burden of proving that the
insured has other insurance that covers maternity care to the extent guaranteed by this
section.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect January 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.
This act shall apply to contracts entered into or renewed on or after January 1, 2009.